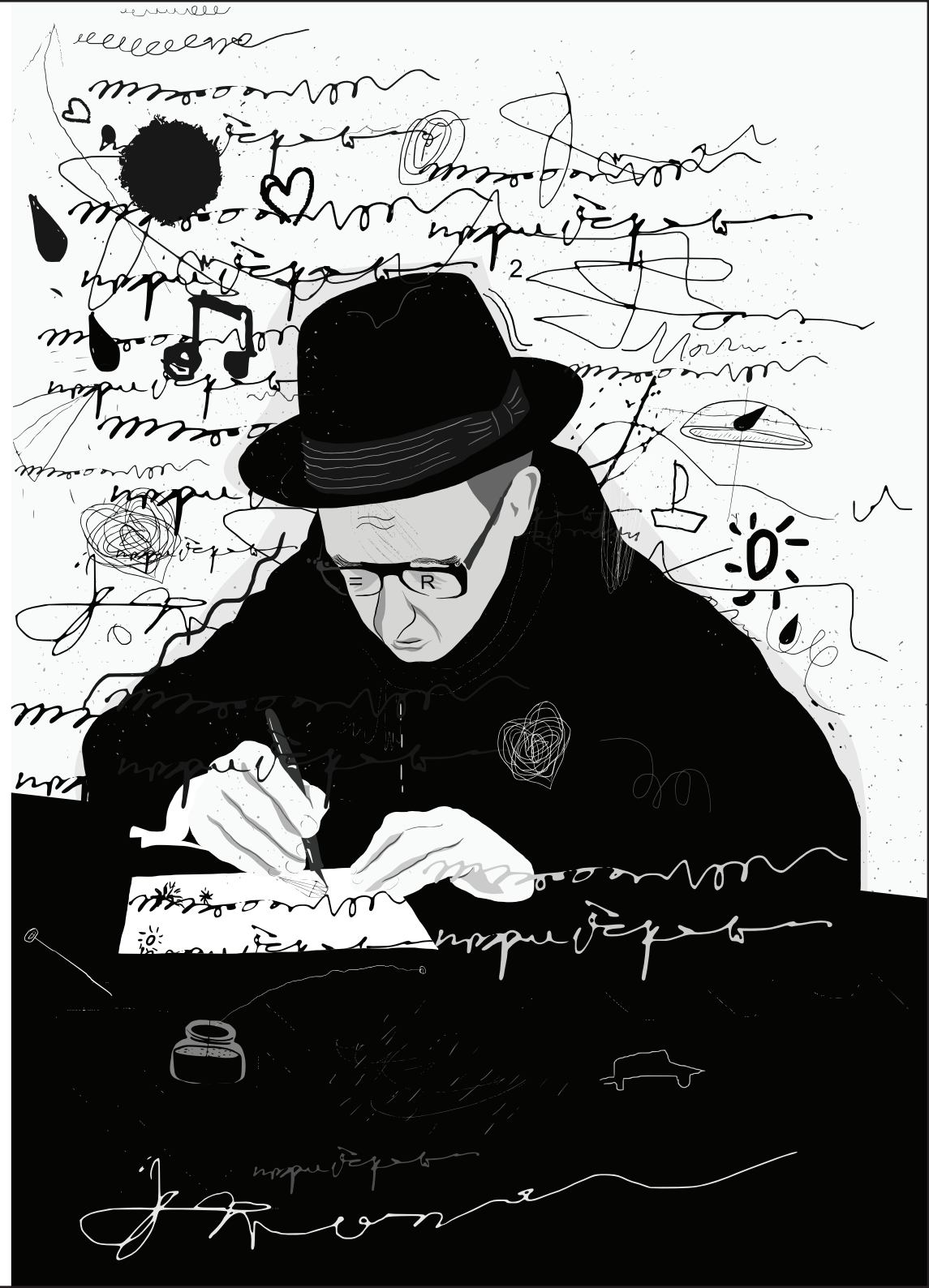


Choosing More Interesting Words

Adjectives
Describing Size

Study**ladder**



Choosing The Best Words for Intended Meaning

Choosing the right adjectives helps convey your intended meaning to your readers. Word choice also makes your writing more interesting and engaging!

Consider the adjectives big and small. They tell your reader a bit about the size of something. But these words are not effective at telling exactly how big or small something is.

Your words help the reader imagine the scene you are describing. Words are powerful! They can change what a reader 'sees' in their head!

Quick 5 minute exercise:

Draw what you see in your imagination when you read these sentences:

- 1 *The yard was filled with heavy animals.*
- 2 *The yard was filled with scrawny animals.*
- 3 *The yard was filled with miniature animals.*

A Small Group Activity:

For this activity:

Print Studyladder's 'Adjectives for Size' wordbank.

Cut the chart into individual word cards and allocate a variety of words to each group. About 10 words per group.

small	tiny	miniscule	minute	huge	massive
little	teensy	mini	microscopic	lean	enormous
microscopic	miniature	compact	short	lanky	titless
stout	broad	stocky	sturdy	big	insurmountable
large	bulky	gnarled	beefy		

- Read the adjectives. Discuss what types of objects would be best described using these words.
- Sort the cards according to size from smallest to biggest.
- Report findings to the class group.

